

## Post-Election Thoughts.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The election has passed. The Republicans carried the Nation and the Democrats carried this State. I think the Independents, and many of the Democrats of the Northern States, stayed away from the polls, and many of the real Independents and some of the Republicans stayed away from the polls in this State. If each man in the Nation had gone to the polls and voted just as he preferred, I think quite likely most of the Northern States would have gone Democratic, and this State (with most other Southern States), if it had not gone Republican, would have gone Democratic by a very small majority.

Our better class of farmers and merchants have not got the sand in their crop to vote against the old party with which they have voted most if not all their lives, even if they had believed they were wrong in voting the old party ticket.

Be men, and every man go to the polls and vote one way or the other, and let no man be your boss. When the day arrives that men will do this, there will be no man, or small lot of men, that will carry North Carolina in their vest pockets.

Each good man should now do all possible to help the party in power to govern well. It matters not who governs, so they do it well. I truly hope the large majority will not cause the Legislature to go wrong in the law-making business. It is well for any Commonwealth to have two parties of very near the same strength, so that each knows they must put up their best men or they will be apt to be defeated.

We have made good field crops, and the prices of our leading crops have been good; also the price of all kinds of lumber is and has been good. So our farmers, merchants and all other classes of our people are prosperous, as a rule, and we should all assemble on Thanksgiving Day and give thanks to our Creator for all good gifts in this and all other lines. "Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved; but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once." We should do all possible to be of service to mankind in our day and generation. We do not live our lives but once, and we should try to live just and noble lives.

Your paper gets beter and better.

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## A Telephone on the Farm.

Talk about it as we may, and considering every other excuse we may offer, the social side of his nature is what has driven the young man from the farm to the town in perhaps nine cases out of ten. To the fact that the isolation of the farm, under the influence of latter-day invention, is becoming more and more a thing of the past, is in large part due the distinct movement, which now is recognized everywhere, back to the farm. Among the first of these is the farmer's telephone, which

to-day is exerting such a fine influence in extending the social life of rural districts, annihilating distance and bringing the voices of the men and women and young folk of the neighborhood farms, near and remote, to the ear in familiar and pleasant converse, lighting up the hour, once so dreary with sheer loneliness, and peopling the home with kindred spirits.

There are some things which do much for the farm in a social and business way—the trolley, for instance. But the trolley means the investment of many thousands of dollars. Not so with the telephone. A few dollars invested in wire, insulators, transmitter and receiver, a few days' work in setting out poles and stringing of wires, and presto! the world is at your call! We know of one Wisconsin farmer whose telephone cost him \$19, and he has connection with city and county 'phones, is a director in one Farmers' Telephone Company which has sixty miles of wire of its own, and one or two sales made on the Chicago market as a result of having the 'phone in his house paid for the outfit many times over. In his case the telephone was not only not an expense, but a source of large gain, and we are confident this has proved to be the case in thousands of instances.

Every farmer should have a telephone in his house. None may enumerate its advantages nor catalogue its uses. It not only encourages sociability, it creates it in many a life; it brings the doctor within call; the merchant is always at hand; it saves many a weary journey and gives to real service many an hour that otherwise must have been lost. Now is the time to put in the 'phone wherever one is lacking. The long winter days and evening will be made more pleasurable because of its presence to every member of the family. And the economy and value of it may not be computed.—Chicago Rural Voice.

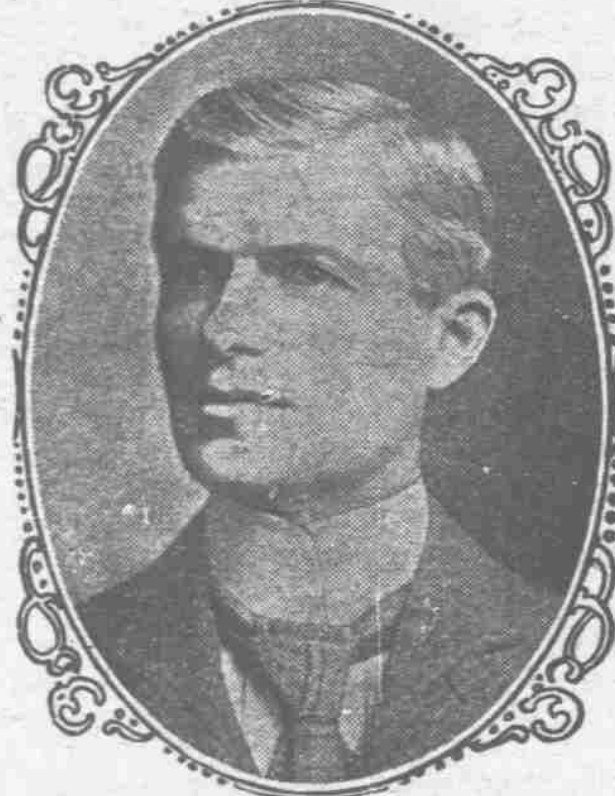
## The Price of Glory.

Some recent estimates of the cost of battleships should lead Americans to think seriously concerning the wisdom of entering into the race for sea power with England, Germany and France. The magnificent building of the Library of Congress at Washington cost far less than a first-class battleship. So, too, did all the buildings on the campus at Harvard, from which armies of educated young men go out annually to join in a struggle in which one ounce of education is worth a ton of gunpowder. The president of the University of Michigan in his latest report says that about 25,000 alumni of that college are now living, "engaged in honorable and useful pursuits in all parts of the earth. It has made the name of Michigan known and respected throughout the civilized world. Yet the total cost to the State of its support of the University has been less than the cost to the nation of a first-class battleship."—November Pilgrim.

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T. F. McHUGH.

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 29, 1901.  
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